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Minutes 02/22/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building
 2/22/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan*	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Minuteman Tech Superintendent Ed Bouquillon, Lissa McBurney, David Landskov, Jan Cuypers, Vicki Ford,

MINUTES of 2/17 approved as printed. Unanimous

ART 57 MINUTEMAN VOC TECH: Bouquillon walked the FinCom through a printed copy of a presentation he prepared for a Jan public hearing on the budget. He reviewed the evidence that the school is rightsizing as some programs are dropped, the staff shrinks and the number of member students increases. The proposed FY11 budget, based on a conservative estimate of state aid, not the Governor's budget, is decreased 7% from FY10 to \$16,238,679. Bouquillon also provided & talked to a member assessment package. The Arlington assessment would be \$2,739,795, a 11% decrease. Members asked & Bouquillon answered numerous questions. The school is considering adding courses that would attract students such as lab animal care and criminal justice. Their marketing effort has received "good comments". They are considering courses for adults in fields such as bio manufacturing and green technology. Such courses might yield a surplus. Last year 65% of graduates went on to higher education, about half of them to 4 yr programs.

ART 59 FACILITY FEASIBILITY BOND: Bouquillon described the work that has been done to assess the school facilities. He has worked closely w/ the MSBA which approves the process. The roof leaks & must be replaced soon. The smoke stack was taken down as an emergency safety measure. An \$8m energy efficiency improvement is under way funded by expected energy savings. The \$725k proposed bond issue would pay for a detailed estimate of the cost of renovation would be 40% reimbursed by MSBA. All district members must approve. Bouquillon has appointed a Regional Agreement Task Force (Al Tosti from Arlington) to recommend desirable changes by July. One possibility is to vote/pay proportional to number of students in the member town's high school. He has suggested a "17th town" idea that would make cost to non-member towns based on number of non-member students and thus more equitable. The initial payment on this bond would not come due until FY12. Arlington's total would be about $\$725k \times (1-.4)/3 = \$145k$.

BUD 21 LIBRARIES: Library/HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) Proposed the budget as printed. The library will have to apply for a waiver to receive state aid because of the reduction in the books & materials budget. The Director's preference would be to restore this budget. The Assistant Director left & will not be replaced. No hour changes.

VOTED \$1,888,852 net of W&S EF offset. 12-1

BUD 5 INFORMATION TECH: Finances SubCom (Dunn) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$491,878 net of W&S EF offset. Unanimous.

BUD 6 COMPTROLLER: Finances SubCom (Dunn) recommended a 1.2 % reduction in line with the Manager's January policy. This would be \$5,000 in telephone expenses. VOTED: \$399,044 net of W&S EF offset. Unanimous

BUD 1 FINANCE COMMITTEE: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED: \$10,988 Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Goal is to finish hearings this month. Understand department budgets & correct if necessary. Vote budgets in first half of March.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 2/23/10 Revised 2/24/10

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY - Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT			request Manager
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation			request Treasurer
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			request Manager
28			Pension Liability Funding			request Manager
29			Transfer Crosby			request Manager
30			Transfer Parmenter			request Manager
31			Sell Crosby			request Manager
32			Sell Parmenter			request Manager
33			Accept Law to Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
34			Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
36			Dog Control			
37			Compensation of Selectmen			
39			Additional Warrant Article notification			
47			Collective Bargaining			
48			Future Collective Bargaining			
49			Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			
50			Positions Reclassification			
51			Vacation Time Bylaw			
52			Budgets			
53			Capital Budget			3/15
54			Rescind authority to borrow			

55		Sewers			3/17
56		Water			3/17
57		Minuteman Tech	2/22		2/22
58		Minutean Tech Bond Authorization	2/22		2/22
59		Committees & Commissions	2/17	2/17	\$14,760, #000 for ARC tabled
60		Celebrations			
61		Misc Appropriations			
62		Scholarship Fund Expenses			
63		Pension Adjustment			
64		Safe Routes to School			
65		Harry Barber Service Program			2/24
66		Minuteman Senior Services			2/24
67		Social Worker			2/24
68		Traffic Supervisors			2/24
69		Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70		Uncle Sam	2/17		discuss w/ BoS
71		Restore Trees	2/17		discuss w/ DPW
72		Local Option Taxes			
73		OPEB			
74		Tip Fee Stab Fund			
75		Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
76		Overlay Reserve			
77		Stabilization Fund			
78		Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/22	2/22	10,988	
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology	2/22	2/22	491,878	
6	Comptroller	2/22	2/22	399,044	
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				

